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1. Inability to obtain supplies of tartaric acid (Weinsteinacryl) is seriously hampering the production of electric brushes at Siemens-Plania, Berlin-Lichtenberg. An order has been placed to import tartaric acid [redacted] the order was forwarded to DHZ Chemie in Magdeburg. No delivery estimate has been received by the plant from DHZ to date.
2. Tartaric acid is presently bottlenecked in the processing of copper powder used in brush production. The acid is normally used to seal the copper powder and prevent it from oxidizing during storage. In lack of tartaric acid, which has been unavailable for several months, Siemens-Plania has been using acetic acid for the washing process. Use of acetic acid, however, limits the storage and use time of copper powder to three days or less, the powder being oxidized beyond use at the end of 72 hours if it remains unashed.

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